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LINCOLN MAN SENTENCED FOR OPERATING MARIJUANA GROW HOUSES

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg announced that Chien Hung Nguyen, 32, of Lincoln, Nebraska., was sentenced on May 4, 2011, to 120 months in prison by United States District Judge Richard G. Kopf, for conspiring to manufacture 1,000 or more marijuana plants in Lancaster County, Nebraska. In addition to his prison term, Nguyen will serve five years of supervised release following his release from prison.

Nguyen was arrested on May 21, 2010, on the conspiracy charge that stemmed from the discovery by Lincoln Police Department officers of three houses Nguyen utilized to maintain large scale marijuana grow operations. Through the course of the investigation, officers seized over 2,250 marijuana plants and more than 1.7 kilos of harvested marijuana from the three grow houses operated by Nguyen.

“We are pleased to have held accountable one of the major providers of marijuana in the Lincoln area.” said Deborah Gilg, United States District Attorney for the District of Nebraska. “Much credit must be given to the Lincoln Police Department and the Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office as well as the Lancaster County Attorney’s Office for their teamwork in this case.”

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